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## On Your Mark -- Get Set -- Go

A Sermon By Rev. R. C. Savage . . . Missionary To South America

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to every creature."

**M**OST OF YOU have run races of some sort and are acquainted with the command to start a race. It is: "On your mark — get set — go!"

Our Lord Jesus Christ has also issued a command, but Christians in general have "gotten on their mark," have "gotten set," and have stayed SET. For nineteen hundred years it has seemingly been impossible to jar Christians out of the "get set" position.

We talk about "going," we agree that it ought to be done, but over 99 per cent of Christians just stay "set" with absolutely no intention of permitting the Lord to transfer them from the spot where it is their selfish desire to remain.

It was the same way with the Early Church. They had been commanded to "go" but instead, they simply "got set" and stayed in Jerusalem. Finally God jarred them loose by sending a wave of persecution that scattered them throughout the world to spread the Gospel. Is God going to be forced to send a wave of persecution upon us to persuade us to fulfill His commission?

When the Word says, "Go," what do you do? Most people immediately begin looking for loopholes and excuses by which they can shift onto someone else the responsibility of going. Although most of us recognize the vital importance of getting the Gospel to every creature, few of us are willing to fling ourselves into the fray, but continually leave the task to others. We are dangerously like the young fellow who prayed, "Here am I, Lord, send my sister!"

How I wish we would have the spirit of Paul as expressed in Acts 16:10: "And after he had seen the vision, immediate-

ly we endeavored to go into Macedonia."

There was no hesitation, excuse-making or seeking for loopholes with Paul. The Lord had commanded and that settled it. Personal likes and dislikes did not enter into the picture. The Lord had said, "Go," so there was only one thing to do and that was "GO" — immediately.

Oh, it is true that Paul had to change his plans. He had something entirely different in mind, but Paul's plans were always like a railroad timetable—"subject to change without notice." So in response to the command of the Lord, Paul tossed all of his plans into the wastebasket and immediately endeavored to go. God grant that you people may respond in a similar way to the Lord's requests of you. Of what importance are our plans in comparison with His requests?

The Lord has asked us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel so that every creature may hear. Well, then, let us do it. Why should we try to dodge if the Lord has commanded it? The difficulty lies in the fact that it is almost impossible to find people, young or old, who are willing to simply obey the Lord without hesitation and excuse-making.

An Irishman by the name of Pat went to a wealthy man in Philadelphia and asked him for a job. "Yes, Pat, I've got some work for you to do," said the man. "Do you see that pile of bricks down at the east end of the yard?"

"Yes, sir," replied Pat."

"I wish you would move it down to the west end of the yard."

"All right," responded Pat, and he did it. He worked hard and it took him all day.

At the end of the day he reported to the office. The boss paid him and said, "Pat, come back tomorrow. I've got some more work for you to do."

The next morning the wealthy man said, "Say, Pat, do you see that pile of bricks down at the west end of the yard?"

"Yes, sir."

"I wish you would move it down to the east end of the yard."

"All right," replied Pat and he did it. And he worked hard and it took him all day. At the end of the second day he stopped in at the office and the boss paid him but said, "Pat, come back tomorrow. I've got some more work for you to do."

The third day the same thing happened. "Pat, do you see that pile of bricks down at the east end of the yard?"

"Yes, sir."

"I would like to have you move it down to the west end of the yard."

"All right," agreed Pat and again he did it without asking any questions. For the third time the boss paid him and asked him to come back again the next day for more work.

And so it was the fourth day. At the close of the fourth day, after paying him, the boss said, "Pat, come back again tomorrow; I've got some more work for you to do, but tomorrow it won't be hauling bricks. I've been looking high and low throughout Philadelphia for

someone who could take orders and fulfill them without asking a lot of questions, and who could be trusted to get the job done. Pat, you're the man and I'm going to make you a purchasing agent for our company. It's a good job and you will receive a good salary. You're hired."

Thus it is with the Lord. He is searching today for men and women who will simply obey Him. The most important thing that the Church of Christ has needed and needs is obedient Christians.

Back in the eighteenth century there was a man who had come to the place where he was willing to take God at His word and go out and do what the Lord Jesus had commanded. His name was William Carey and he worked as a shoe cobbler.

His shoe shop, however, was no ordinary shop. On the walls he had placed maps of different countries of the world—rough maps which he had drawn himself on wrapping paper from the store. Within the borders of the countries he had written statistics concerning these lands—their population, area and other facts. And while he was pounding away at his shoes his heart was burning for those millions of souls

in heathen darkness who had never heard the Gospel.

But missionary work was a preposterous, unheard-of thing in those days. There were no missionaries, there were no mission boards, none of the churches had a fund in their budgets designated for evangelization in foreign fields. Most of the preachers took this attitude: "If God desires to convert the heathen in other lands, He will send some of His holy angels to minister to them."

But Carey realized that the churches and their pastors were disobeying the Lord. One day he spoke at a ministers' meeting. With a burning heart and a flaming zeal he declared, "You men are disobedient to the Lord's command. You have totally ignored the commission to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. You have done nothing about it. You are disobeying the Lord!"

Of course the ministers resented being spoken to that way. Several were angry. One minister came up to him afterward and said, "Carey, the trouble with you is that you are a miserable enthusiast." But praise the Lord, William Carey hitched his enthusiasm to God's omnipotence and, unconcerned about the op-

position of even church people, and perfectly willing to face dangers, discouragements and uncertainty, he sailed forth from England in the year 1793 to become the first foreign missionary to India.

For forty years he literally poured out his life-blood for the Gospel's sake in India. He established mission stations in virtually all of the key locations in that country. Not once did he take a furlough. He is known as one of the most victorious stalwarts of the Cross since the days of the apostles themselves—simply because he had learned the little lesson of doing what the Lord had asked Him to do. Oh, I pray that we might likewise learn to simply obey.

Personally, I want to obey the Lord for two reasons. First, because I love Him and second, because I fear Him. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and I want to graduate from life's school with honors.

The Lord Jesus has asked us to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. All right then, let us do it. Forgetting all excuses, handicaps, discouragements and hesitations, may we learn to simply obey. "On your mark, get set, but by all means—GO!"

## New York Church Anniversary Service

**IT IS ESTIMATED** that there are no less than 200,000 Puerto Ricans residing in and near the Harlem section of New York City. There are other tens of thousands of Spanish-speaking people, from various parts of the world, in the same area.

Many of these Puerto Ricans attended Defender Churches before leaving the Island. It is natural for them to seek out a "Church home" upon reaching the continental United States.

Included in a group that came a few years ago, were Rev. and Mrs. Jose Hernandez. A strong Spanish Church has been established in New York under their leadership.

The Fourth Anniversary of the founding of this congregation was held Sunday, February 16, 1947. **IT WAS A WONDERFUL DAY FOR THE SPANISH-SPEAKING CHRISTIANS OF NEW YORK CITY.**

Reporting the morning, afternoon and night services, Mr. Hernandez says:

"Showers of blessing fell throughout

the day. The Church was packed out. Groups representing many Spanish Churches came from far and near. Our guest speaker was Bishop Carlos Sepulveda. In a sermon, he congratulated the Defenders of the Christian Faith for being the first Church in New York City to be persecuted and picketed by Communists."

### A PERSECUTED FLOCK

In this remark, Bishop Sepulveda was referring to a disgraceful incident, when the Communist Party, Friends of Democracy and other left-wing organizations, assaulted the Church last August.

The attack was spearheaded by a gang of thugs representing Congressman Marcantonio—who, it will be recalled, was the only Representative to vote in favor of Gerhart Eisler a few weeks ago, when Congress decided to prosecute Stalin's mastermind in the Western Hemisphere. The vote was 370 to 1.

Mr. Hernandez continues: "Since the persecution, our Church has added quite

a few members. We have come into great favor since the Country has learned the truth about Communism. The tide has turned. There is a wonderful spirit in all the services. The neighborhood where the Church is located knows now that the Communists were wrong.

"At the Anniversary meetings everybody sang heartily the Defenders' official song, "Dame la fe de mi Jesus"—or in English, 'Faith of Our Fathers'."

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**THE COMPOSITE PICTURE** on page 3 will enable Defender Prayer-Partners to share, in some measure, the spirit of the Anniversary gatherings.

Mr. Hernandez receives a modest offering from Wichita Headquarters each month. Otherwise it would not be possible for him to devote his full time to the ministry. Rent on the building and other incidentals consume the collections received at the regular Sunday and week-night services.



**TOP PICTURE.** Street meeting held by Defender Missionary Church during anniversary services in Spanish-speaking section of New York City. Notice large Gospel bus in foreground.

**CENTER PICTURE.** Part of congregation in attendance at one of the anniversary meetings. Standing room was taken. Some people could not get into the building.

**BOTTOM PICTURE.** Pulpit of Church decorated for anniversary services. The motto at top reads: "Volvamos a la Biblia," meaning BACK TO THE BIBLE.





# NOTED GREEK CHRISTIAN SURVIVES

● The accompanying picture of Rev. Velonis, noted Greek Defender Christian, was taken while on a Missionary itineranting tour through ancient Macedonia. He and his wife have survived the terrors of war and revolution.



**T**HE GOOD MAN shown in the accompanying picture, and his wife, have endured great hardships and many privations during the last few years.

His name is VELONIS — the Reverend A. Velonis . . . and his home is in the ancient city of Thessalonica, Greece.

The Apostle Paul visited Thessalonica when he came west with the Gospel. He preached Christ in the local synagogue, was persecuted, chased through the market place, mobbed at Jason's home . . . and fled by night to Berea.

Despite persecution, a strong group of believers were banded together in the city. Paul later sent two letters back to this Church, the text of which comprises some of his most important New Testament writings. The message which they contain on prophecy are of incomparable value to us today.

Mr. Velonis lives a short distance from the traditional spot where the Apostolic congregation of Thessalonica is believed to have worshipped.

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**T**HE SEVENTEENTH CHAPTER of Acts contains a record of Paul's persecution in the city.

He attended local synagogue services for three weeks and "reasoned with them out of the scriptures."

The record says that some of the Greeks listened to the story of Paul and Silas with gladness and became believers. "But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and set the city in an uproar."

Paul and Silas were living in the home

of Jason. The mob assaulted the premises. But the two street Preachers escaped by quick action and left during the night for Berea.

Thereupon the Jews falsely accused the victims of SEDITION. "These do contrary to the decrees of Caesar," was their charge.

We are told that the Jews at Berea were "more noble than those at Thessalonica."

Dr. Winrod says: "I visited this community a few years ago. The ghetto of Berea is there today, very much as in the days of Paul. I walked through its narrow, winding streets and imbibed its mysterious, clannish atmosphere. Our party asked to be directed to the synagogue.

"The people of Berea point with pride to three high stone steps, at the edge of a piece of vacant ground, where Paul, Silas and Timothy are supposed to have stood while preaching the Gospel. These stones are guarded by an iron fence."

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**T**HE MONTH OF JANUARY 1934 marked the beginning of Defenders Missionary ministry in Greece. Because of rigid regulations imposed by ecclesiastical authorities, Gospel work has always been difficult in that Country.

Many missionaries have entered the field with high hopes only to see their dreams fade and efforts come to naught.

Because opposition made public Gospel meetings impossible, Mr. Velonis suggested using the printed page as the principal medium for disseminating the message of salvation. This plan was

followed and the first issue of the "GREEK DEFENDER MAGAZINE," consisting of 3,000 copies, came from the press late in January of that year. This publication reached a peak circulation of 10,000 copies prior to the last war.

Then came the blackout of Europe, with Greece feeling the full force of hostilities.

The Wichita office lost contact with Mr. Velonis and found it impossible to get support through to him. But Defender friends everywhere kept in touch with the good man and his devoted wife by way of the Throne of Grace. The Holy Spirit is omniscient and omnipresent. Then finally a message was received through Red Cross bearing the date April 20, 1942 which read as follows:

ME AND MY WIFE ARE ON  
THE BRINK OF THE GRAVE FROM  
STARVATION. LOST 56 POUNDS  
BODY FLESH. PLEASE SEND  
HELP SOONEST YOU CAN.  
VELONIS.

It was then impossible to get food and clothing to him because of war-time restrictions. Finally in February, 1945, the following message, dated December 14, 1944, was received:

BY THE GRACE OF GOD ME  
AND MY WIFE ARE GOOD IN  
HEALTH AND HOPE THAT YOU  
ALSO ARE IN GOOD HEALTH.  
PLEASE WRITE. WE WISH YOU  
MERRY CHRISTMAS. YOURS IN  
CHRIST. A. VELONIS.

Although only a few words, this short message spoke volumes. Velonis was

alive! His friends in the United States were comforted and encouraged. They knew he had witnessed for Christ to the best of his ability, even during the arduous years of war. They visualized the early possibility of rehabilitating the work of the Lord, in that unfortunate Country.

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**MR. VELONIS** has had the joy of leading many men, women and children to Christ. He now yearns to continue witnessing on a consistent, constructive basis.

Food and clothing have been sent to him with the passing of the months . . . together with small financial contributions at irregular intervals. But to make the work secure, it will be necessary to

again include Greece as a permanent mission field and assure Mr. Velonis a regular monthly free will offering.

After thinking and praying about the matter, **WICHITA HEADQUARTERS HAS REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS STEP SHOULD BE TAKEN.**

The revived ministry shall not concern itself with anything secular or political. All efforts will be focused upon one objective — namely, leading precious souls to the place of embracing the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

The Government of Greece has recently asked the United States to assist in the economic and political rehabilitation of the Country. This is therefore an opportune time to launch a great Missionary Crusade among the Greek peo-

ple. The experience gained from years of successful work under the direction of Mr. Velonis will serve a useful purpose toward this objective.

Paul's words written shortly after he invaded ancient Macedonia with the Gospel reflect the message still needed in that part of the world — the one and only message that Brother A. Velonis, a modern Paul, wishes to convey:

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

## "Ethiopia Shall Stretch Out Her Hands"

**MESSANGER READERS** are urged to take plenty of time and study sentence by sentence the following excerpts from Dr. Jones' recent letters.

They reflect the deepest impulses of a man in love with his work—a man who loves the people to whom he has devoted 45 years of tireless toil.

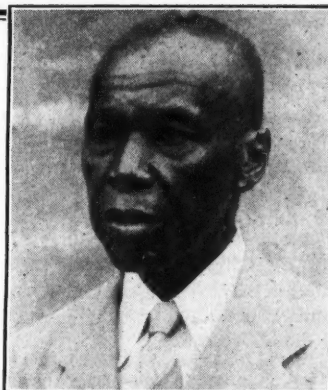
Dr. Jones was born and reared in the state of Mississippi. There he graduated from college, acquired knowledge in both theology and medicine, volunteered for Missionary work and dedicated his life to the service of Christ on the Dark Continent. He immediately left for Africa.

Incidentally, he has through the years retained his Mississippi citizenship. An experience during the last war proved the wisdom of this course:

He has many mouths to feed at the Klay Industrial Mission in northern Liberia. This necessitates raising fruit and grain and the harvesting of many crops. He must also spend considerable time in the jungles hunting wild game.

Came the war . . . and his supply of ammunition was exhausted. What could he do? Meat was needed on the tables for children and adults alike. There were no shells to be had in Liberia.

Dr. Jones dispatched an air mail letter to the senior Senator of his native Mississippi—Theodore Bilbo. He says: "From then on I was kept supplied with ammunition for hunting essential game to



Dr. H. H. Jones

supply the physical needs of those who were dependent upon me. Mr. Bilbo will never know how much the native African Christians of my section appreciate his interest in us. He proved himself to be a friend indeed!"

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**DR. JONES** is a man of action . . . always busy. His letters are couched in aggressive phrases. He moves about like a dynamo of sanctified energy.

"I am not a writer," he insists. "I

can talk. I can walk. I can work with my hands. I like to preach. But any way, there are no words in any language, written or oral, to describe what I see taking place out here for God.

"I am 66 you know. Something of a veteran! I have learned many things by experience that younger men can't find in books.

"I have had to do everything that goes with taking the Gospel to people whose ancestors lived for centuries in pagan darkness. Now the light is breaking. I have learned things the hard way.

"At times I feel a little worn. Please pray for me. I have to keep wild animals away from the farm to save our chickens and make safe the lives of youngsters whom God has entrusted to my care.

"I must look after the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, marry the young, bury the dead, educate the illiterate, preach the Gospel, counsel those who need advice, care for the Church and be ready for any new emergency that may arise.

"All these years have been required to lay the foundation for God's work. Others will build. I have pioneered. God be praised.

"Give my regards to all readers of the **MESSANGER**. Thank them for me. Tell them I am out here in their stead."

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**D**R. JONES was in the United States for a short furlough last year—his first in seven years. He spent several days in Wichita. Important conferences were held and many fervent seasons of prayer enjoyed.

Finally, when it came time to return to Liberia, a man in Ohio arranged for him to make the trip by plane. He reached there November 28, 1946 and immediately wrote Dr. Winrod as follows:

"God bless you. I am safe. Our prayers are answered. Left New York 9:30 A.M., the 24th. Landed here at 6:30 P.M. the 25th.

"Seems impossible. The world is a neighborhood. God is good! And God is wonderful. I know it! You know it! Let us trust Him as never before.

"I will speak here in Monrovia tonight and pass on to our mission station the 30th. First thing, I will give the Lord's Supper in the Defenders Church.

"Oh! I am too happy to be back. I thank God for having ever met you. All our plans for making Christ known are in the center of His will. We shall keep them there. God bless America. But let me live in the land of my grandfathers, where I can serve Him best. I will write again when I reach the station."

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**M**ANY HEARTENING REPORTS have since been received from Dr. Jones, all written in his quick, jerky inimitable style. Only a few excerpts can be reproduced in the space available:

On January 12, 1947 he wrote as follows:

"Last Sunday it was my good pleasure to lead ten souls, precious converts,

in baptism. A number of others are waiting. Keep praying. This is God's work.

"The young man I told you about—Elliott, will be ready to leave for the States late June. Try to complete arrangements for his education. You promised to do your best. Don't fail me. Don't fail God.

"Elliott will prove an asset in this work when he gets back. Finishing his training, he will be ready to take over our school here at Klay. Then I can go on pioneering.

"I hope you can make it possible for him to come over late this year or early '48.

"Transportation is awful in Liberia. Looks like I will lose most of my grapefruit this year. You should see them. Three times as large as any in the States. They melt in your mouth. But I can't get them to market.

"I had to walk 35 miles last Friday. Sometimes I can get a hammock. Sometimes I can't. I have to go any way. The work demands my presence many places. This is a big Country. But we have a big God.

"Remember, I am out here in your stead. Don't fail God by failing to pray for me."

On February 16, 1947 he wrote as follows:

"Many thanks for the \$50.00 check. It came in good time. Thank everybody. Tell them I said so.

"God is good to me. I am glad Dr. Winrod's trip to Puerto Rico was so successful. Miss Geraldine was a blessing there too. I regretted I could not

pass that way coming back to Liberia. Thank God the Gospel is being preached on those Islands. Our groups out here send up prayer for the workers there.

"I am happy for the outlook. Those whom I have raised from infants are taking responsibility. It's wonderful to watch them develop.

"It did my heart good yesterday when Edwin Fahr said to me: 'Please let me go preach in my village tonight.' I gave him another boy to help sing. They sang and preached in their own tongue.

"On Wednesday night, last week, Nellie Wonger led the prayer meeting at Klay Defenders Church. I wish you could have heard her. You would have been moved.

"I do want this girl to go to America for education. It should be a Bible School. She is a jewel.

"Very recently the Liberian Government granted woman suffrage. Quite recently a native African woman was commissioned a Paramount Chief. We must have native girls, like Nellie Wonger, trained to lead in making Christ known.

"We need new buildings, more buildings. Girls and boys are available for our school. They want to come. But no room to accommodate the larger enrollment! What shall we do? Must do something!

"Please don't let me down in Elliott's case. He is worthy.

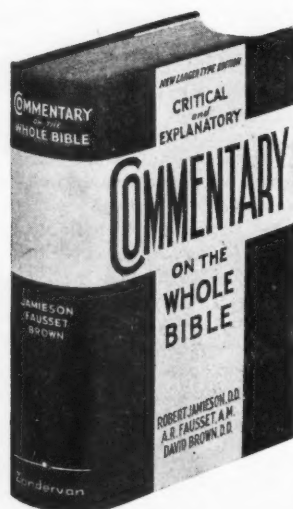
"We need domestic unbleached cloth. Speak to somebody about it. Our girls need this for dresses. I would rather have it than money. Gingham is also needed.

"I like to tell you about my troubles and needs. You never complain. You always help me through. God bless you, the Wichita Staff and all the members of the Defender family.

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**T**HE FOREGOING quotations from Dr. Jones' letters will give MESSENGER readers a further glimpse into the soul and mental processes of this great Missionary leader . . . and a better understanding of the vision that drives him forward in the service of the Christ.

We may feel ourselves fortunate for having such a capable and consecrated co-worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He is deserving of our help.



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# Witnessing In Cuba

**"THE WORK** at large is going fine," says Rev. Arthur Pain. "Souls are being saved. We will have our graduation exercises the 30th of this month. Four diplomas will be given to four splendid Cuban young men who have faithfully taken our Bible Course.

"The program will be held in our new brick and concrete Church at Cuatro Caminos. We are proud to see these young men go out into the Ministry."

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**A**NOTHER REPORT from this faithful Missionary says:

"We have been holding evangelistic tent campaigns here in Cuba for sixteen years but have never seen anything like the one now in progress. Oh! that our friends in the States could all be here to share the joy of seeing so many precious souls accept Christ.

"The tent is filled and literally packed out wherever we pitch it. Every square foot of standing space is taken night after night.

"Last night, our converted Communist Preacher, Alejandro Marquez, brought a very clear, concise message on the doctrine of the new birth. There was scarcely a move on the part of the crowd. It was an inspiration. Many knew the speaker from days past when he hated religion and devoted himself to creating trouble in every way possible.

"When the invitation was given, the new converts could not move forward. There was no room for anyone to change his position. The people were packed, as we hear it said, like sardines in a can."

"We then explained that it is the heart attitude that counts. We told them that men look on the outward appearance but God sees the heart. We asked all who would accept Christ as Saviour to raise their hands—with the understanding that this gesture reflected an inward decision on their part to walk with Him.

"Oh! What a sight! Literally a 'sea of hands' went up. If you who read this report could have been there, you would have realized that your prayers and offerings are not in vain."



The Pain Family

**MR. AND MRS. PAIN** are especially gratified over the success of meetings recently held in the town of Bejucal, Cuba. They write as follows:

## A Missionary Church

**A MISSIONARY Church** is a living Church, a growing Church, a conquering Church.

A missionary Church has a vision of world need, a concern for lost souls, a sense of personal responsibility which cannot be evaded.

A missionary Church must have a missionary Pastor and missionary officers. Missionary leadership makes a missionary Church.

A missionary Church will have a missionary policy and program which will challenge every man, woman and child all the year round.

A missionary Church is not content until it takes its full share of the evangelization of the world.

— Francis Downs.

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"We have never witnessed keener interest in meetings anywhere on the Island than those now being held at the place called Bejucal.

"Night after night, rain or shine, dust or mud, the throngs continue to come. Fortunately, missionary-minded people have built a Baptist Church in Bejucal. The new converts will therefore be left in good hands.

"Of late there have been some changes for the better in connection with our radio ministry. Satan would like to see this branch of the work hindered. But we have learned that human **DISAPPOINTMENTS** are sometimes God's **APPOINTMENTS**.

"Now we are able to look back and see that Romans 8:28 has been operating all the time. Wonderful results are coming from our new 9:00 A. M. programs, giving us entirely different groups of listeners, thereby reaching many who have never before heard."

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**MR. PAIN ASKS** that Messenger readers shall remember (1) their favorite Scripture text, (2) the slogan most used in the work, (3) the methods used for evangelizing Cuba:

I. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

II. "We Preach Jesus Christ . . . Virgin Born, Crucified, Risen, Ascended, Coming Again."

III. "We hold evangelistic campaigns, establish permanent congregations, help Churches already organized, work in both cities and the interior, operate the Havana Bible Institute, use the radio . . . and one of our goals is to put a printed Gospel or Bible in the hands of every Cuban family."

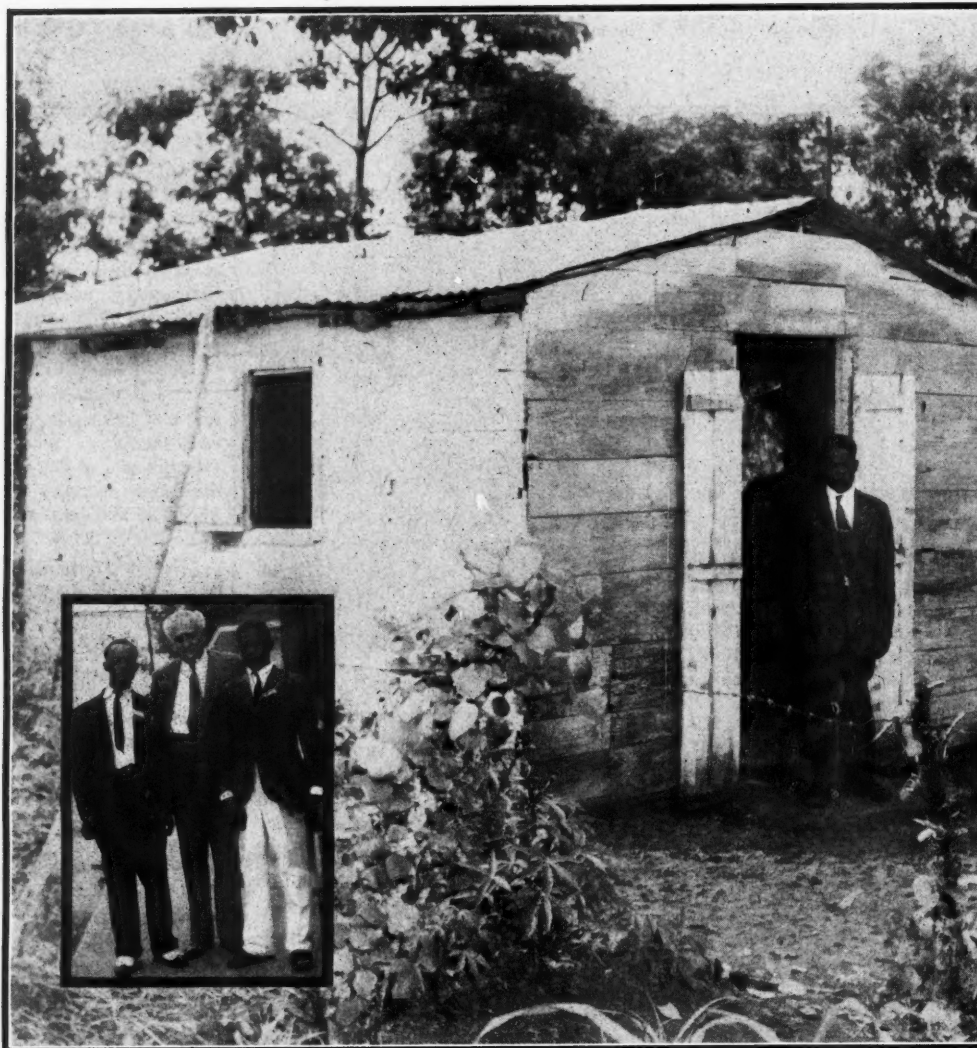
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THE MESSENGER has on other occasions carried pictures of rather elegant Defender Church properties, in such large Puerto Rican localities as San Juan and Rio Piedras. But this month, the reader is taken into the interior, to a remote place called Cupey.

The young man shown above, standing in the door of the humble rural Church which he has organized, is a student in the Defenders Theological Seminary at Rio Piedras. His name is Ezequiel Cruz. He is now in his second school year.

Ezequiel is very sincere and zealous. There was no Church in the area which he chose as his mission field. He is pioneering a new territory. By studying in the Seminary during the day, and preaching here Sundays and sometimes of week-nights, he combines practical work with ministerial training. His Church is a Gospel lighthouse shining in a dark place, but lacks financial support and must soon have help from Wichita Headquarters in order to survive.

The small picture inserted in the lower left-hand corner shows Dr. Winrod, Ezequiel and another theological student, in front of the Seminary last December.



EZEQUIEL CRUZ was converted, as a small boy, at a Defender evangelistic rally. He says there came into his soul, at that hour, a desire to some day preach the Gospel. He erected the building shown below, with his own hands, and the aid of a few other native Christians. The Defenders Church at Rio Piedras supplied money to purchase the needed materials. No more funds are available from that source. It will be necessary for Wichita Headquarters to provide an average of \$20.00 a month for at least a year, to get this Church securely established. Otherwise there is danger of it fading out!

If some MESSENGER reader will write us, agreeing to contribute this sum each month, as God so prospers him, the future of the congregation can be assured. Such a gesture would bring great joy to this group of native Christians, who are praying that assistance from the outside will soon be forthcoming . . . There are other similar groups pleading for help. Wichita Headquarters solicits correspondence with friends who feel a burden for this kind of pioneer Missionary work.



# Jacob Rosenthal's Unique And Useful Ministry

"Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile."  
— John 1:47.

**REV. JACOB ROSENTHAL**, converted Jewish rabbi, devotes his entire time to witnessing for Christ among the members of his race.

He makes no pretentious claims and speaks in Churches only on rare occasions. He prefers to go about quietly, persistently, tenaciously . . . from city to city . . . winning one here and another there, to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This humble Preacher has probably brought more Jews to the foot of the Cross than any other living man. His work is very difficult.

Mr. Rosenthal engages in no flatteries, pays no money to Jews for the privilege of baptizing them, and makes no appeal to their vanity. To him an unconverted Jew is the same as an unconverted German, Swede, Russian, Frenchman, Chinaman — or any other nationality.

"All have sinned, and come short of

the glory of God." "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Like all Jews who embrace Christ as Saviour, he has suffered great persecution. **THIS IS A FACTUAL SITUATION THAT MUST BE FACED.** His wife left him the day he was converted.

He was disowned and ostracized by all the members of his family. Relatives had him arrested on trumped up charges. Efforts were made to place him in an institution for the insane.

The story of these experiences reads like a chapter from the Acts of the Apostles. He has witnessed repeated instances of God's providential care. During the years that have intervened since conversion, he has had the joy of bringing fourteen members of his family to Christ.

His wife married another man and has, as yet, manifested no interest in

Christianity. But Mr. Rosenthal keeps her name on his prayer list.

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**TWICE BORN** believers are "new creatures" in Christ . . . literally members of a New Creation. There is no such thing as racial preferment before God. It is written that He is "no respecter of persons."

A Jew to become precious in God's sight must repent of sins and confess Christ the same as any other person. Mr. Rosenthal refuses to falsify in order to satisfy vanity.

"For as many of you, as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. There is neither Jew or Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

This passage leaves no doubt as to who are especially "blessed" and "chosen" of God . . . namely, those who love Christ and walk in the path that He has trod, Jew and Gentile alike.

Mr. Rosenthal is particularly qualified for missionary work among Jews. He knows their language, problems, traits of character and racial background. God is blessing and honoring his testimony.

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**MR. ROSENTHAL** makes no exaggerated claims. His reports to Wichita headquarters are plain, matter-of-fact statements, brief and to the point, telling of work done and souls saved.

One can always rely on what he says!

His conversions are in the nature of "hand-picked fruit." He seeks to do thorough work in unfolding the Scriptures to potential converts, following the transaction through the steps of acceptance, baptism and growth in Grace to maturity in Christ.

His manner of service will be explained by the following quotations from a few recent letters:

## ==Miracles Of Transformation==

**ONE DAY**, while walking in the bush not far from our mission station, I came upon two young men who impressed me deeply. Engaging them in conversation, I learned they had walked 300 miles, through dangerous territory, seeking a Christian school. They had heard about us.

I brought them to the station where they at once began their studies. They were raw African natives but made progress from the very first week.

Today they are spiritual leaders among the young people. Their lives are miracles of transformation. Both are assuming personal responsibilities on the mission farm.

One has charge of cultivation and harvest. He helps keep the storehouse supplied with food. The other operates the sugar cane mill. Large quantities of syrup go to the market in Monrovia, transported on the backs and heads of native carriers.

Both of these lads, now grown to young manhood, are Preachers of the Gospel.

— Dr. H. H. Jones.

"Thanks for the good offering of \$20. One more of my kinsmen was brought to Christ on the 25th of the month. I made a special trip to preach Jesus to him."

"I am late answering your letter. Everything goes well. During this month I have witnessed to Jews from all over the Country and other countries, who are here (Rochester, Minnesota) to be treated at the Mayo hospitals.

"As far as results are concerned, I have no conversions to report this month. I do nothing else daily, only missionary work.

"I thank you for your kindness. It is helping me very much. My nineteen years as a Christian will soon arrive, in fact on February 2, 1947."

"I have been back to Little Rock, with Rev. M. L. Moser and the other friends in the Central Baptist Church.

"While there I witnessed among the Jews every day, and I do the same always. Any man can preach to Christians and talk about Jews; but that is not Jewish mission work.

"Jewish mission work is to go to the Jew anywhere he is located and testify to the power of God, which is in Christ Jesus, that saves every soul who comes unto Him. My regards to all Christians who are helping me through you."

"At this time I can report only one Jewish woman who has accepted Christ. Her husband came to the hospital and went home. He died twenty days later.

"She is fifty years of age—Mrs. Jacob Peltz, and has accepted the Lord. She has not yet been baptized.

"I do nothing except testify and preach the name of Jesus."

"I am happy to inform you that on March 25th, a Jew whose name is (the name of this man is being withheld from Messenger columns to avoid any possible persecution of a new convert) of Sioux City, Iowa, was saved.

"I testified to him and he immediately accepted Jesus as the Christ. He was baptized on Sunday night, March 30th, in a Sioux City Church. I would never have believed I could have reached him because he is Russian by birth, speaks very little English and was a member of a strong synagogue."

"I am pleased to tell you that I had one Jew, a resident of Des Moines, saved two weeks ago (name withheld for same reason stated above).

"His wife was present when I testified and when he confessed that he accepted Christ, she left the room and departed from him at once. My personal work goes on daily."

"I have just received a letter from a man in Des Moines, Iowa who was

saved. He is rejoicing, praising God and walking in the Spirit."

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**M**ESSENGER FRIENDS who read the above article will have a clear mental picture of Brother Rosenthal's unique and useful ministry. They will enjoy greater ease in channeling their prayers for him . . . and will also understand exactly for what purpose their tithes and offerings invested in his testimony are used.

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*Moses buildeth an altar. EXODUS, 24, 25*

lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, 'it will surely be a snare unto thee.

## CHAPTER 24.

1 *Moses is called up into the mountain. 3 The people promise obedience. 4 He builds an altar. 9 The glory of God appears. 14 Aaron and Hur have charge of the people, etc.*

**A**ND he said unto Mō'ses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aār'on, 'Nā'dāb, and Ā-bī'hū, 'and seventy of the elders of Is'ra-el; and worship ye afar off.

2 And Mō'ses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

3 And Mō'ses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

4 And Mō'ses wrote all the words of

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# Blasphemy

● The following blasphemous article appeared in the New York Times . . . Monday, April 7, 1947. It shows how Ministers of the Gospel are being betrayed by anti-Christ teachings.

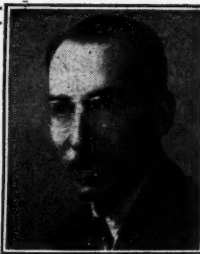
The Rev. J. Earle Edwards, pastor of the Queens Baptist Church, Queens Village, told his congregation yesterday that he would henceforth substitute the word "people" for the word "Jews" wherever the latter word is used in the New Testament in a disparaging way. He said the New Testament, in the versions available to most persons, contained several anti-Semitic references.

"The objective of the Bible is to create love and brotherliness in the world," Mr. Edwards said. "As things stand in today's world, references to radical groups 2,000 years ago are too easily brought into modern situations with sinister meanings doing exactly the opposite of that which was sought originally.

"When we read that the disciples locked themselves in a room 'for fear of the Jews' the story does not mention the fact that these very disciples were Jews, as was their Master."

(NOTE: This Pastor failed to explain that the "disciples" were converted Israelites—men who were being persecuted for their allegiance to the Christ . . . He should also consider well Revelation 22:18, "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.")

## Dr. Sam Swain Appraises A Book



**M**ANY MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE are being torn to shreds by character assassins and "smear artists." These professional destroyers will stop at nothing. Gospel Preachers are special targets.

I have, personally, observed one such man in this Country, whom I have known for almost twenty years. I am sure he is one of the Godliest men in the nation: a man of mighty faith and zeal; a great religious leader, and a man who has opened many frontiers on

foreign mission fields; a man who by the hand of prayer is literally able to reach up and bring the heavens down.

Yet in spite of all of this, there are thousands of Christian people who believe him to be disloyal to his government, and a traitor to society.

Why? Why? Why? I'll tell you why!

Because there has been a systematic program of smearing and vilifying of this man, financed by large sums of money, until there are thousands of peo-

ple who, not knowing him, believe evil of him.

I did not realize how well organized certain groups were to destroy any man whom they would, until recently I read a series of articles in the Chicago Tribune by John T. Flynn, entitled "The Smear Terror."

In this series of articles Mr. Flynn sets forth with detail the gravity of this situation. He tells of the private "Gestapos" formed to terrorize citizens. How they feed out carefully organized "smears" called "projects," through radio, press, bulletins, word of mouth and other methods, to destroy reputations of loyal Americans!

Since publishing this series of articles, Mr. Flynn has put them in book form.

Every American ought to read this book and pass it on to his friends. He ought prayerfully do all that he possibly can to let others know what a fearful thing is happening in our very midst.

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Necessary space is devoted to interesting facts about the earth—dimensions, islands, lakes, oceans, seas, mountain ranges, rivers, their sizes and many other features.

The title of this book is . . . **CURRENT EVENTS WORLD ATLAS**. The price is only 25 cents. Orders may be sent to: Defender Publishers . . . Wichita 1, Kansas.

# A BOY AND HIS BIBLE

**ONE DAY** a Scotch lad, not yet sixteen years old, started from his home to take care of a man's garden in Cheshire, England. He said good-bye to his father, brothers and sisters; but his mother went with him to the boat which he was to take across the Firth of Forth.

"Now, my Robert," she said, as they came in sight of the ferry, "let us stand here a few minutes. I wish to ask one favor of you before you go."

"What is it, mother?" he asked.

"Promise that you will do what I am going to ask you."

"I cannot, mother," he replied, "until you tell me what your wish is."

"Oh, Robert!" she cried, and the tears rolled down her cheeks, "would I ask you anything that is not right?"

"Ask what you will, mother, and I will do it," said her son, overcome by his mother's weeping.

"I want you to promise me that you will read a chapter in the Bible every morning and evening."

"Mother, you know I read my Bible."

"I know you do, but you do not read it as often as you should. I shall go back home now with a happy heart, since you have promised me to read the Bible daily."

The mother went home, and the lad went on his way. He kept his promise, and read a chapter in the Bible every morning and evening. He read it because he loved his mother, and had given his promise, not so much because he took pleasure in it; but as he read, the truths took hold of his mind, and he became restless, and then unhappy. If

he had not promised his mother, he would have stopped reading the precious Book.

He lived alone in a small house in a large garden, and his spare time was his own. One evening while he was reading a chapter in the Book of Romans, light came into his soul, and the Apostle's words, though not new to him, seemed to be different.

"Can it be possible," he said to him-

self, "that I never understood what I have read again and again!"

Peace came into his heart, and he found that he had a great desire to know and do the will of God. This will was made known to him in a simple way.

One night he went to a neighboring town, and on the street corner was a large placard giving notice of a missionary meeting to be held. The time for the meeting had passed, but the lad stood and read the notice over and over. Stories of missionaries which his mother had told him came back to his mind. It was while standing there, that something came into Robert Moffat's heart and mind that made him the world-famous missionary to the Hottentots of South Africa.

## BEWARE OF KEITH BROOKS

**FOR YEARS** Keith Brooks of Los Angeles, California has served the interest of Communistic groups by trying to destroy Christian leaders opposed to the red menace.

The complete list of his victims would read like a roster of America's most distinguished Gospel Preachers. Included in the group are certain well-known converted Jews for whom this diminutive smear artist nurses a special grudge.

If a man is known by the company he keeps and the falsehoods he circulates, Keith Brooks stands condemned according to the admonition of Matthew 7:15-18.

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

Brooks is a master in the art of dis-

torting truth to suit his wicked purposes. Little that he says and writes rings true. He can tell a half-truth or an outright lie as easily as though stating a fact.

The time has come to sound a warning against this man!

Perhaps his pernicious propaganda was less dangerous in years gone by than now . . . because the present hour finds relations so strained between the United States and Russia. J. Edgar Hoover says the Communist Party is an official arm of the Soviet Government, operating to destroy us from within.

The fundamental Christian forces of the Nation are entrusted with the responsibility of restraining the powers of atheism. Anything that weakens the true Gospel helps our enemies.

An outright member of the Communist Party is more to be respected than a professed Fundamentalist, who misleads well-meaning people, by promoting the interests of red individuals and organizations in Christian circles.

## What Ails Christian People?

A leading Communist says: "Preachers don't know what's going on around them. They are a weak-kneed, spineless bunch with noses stuck in books. All Christians are of an inferior type."

Is this true? Christ's followers need to rally together against the forces that are working to destroy them. Believers should have united by this time in circulating ten million copies of John T. Flynn's book "THE SMEAR TERROR" . . . Price 25 cents; or 5 copies \$1.00. Order from DEFENDER PUBLISHERS, WICHITA, KANSAS.

# The Story Of A Little Boy Who Helped Jesus

**T**HIS IS the story of a little boy who heard others speak about Jesus.

It is good for older folk to talk of the Saviour in the presence of children because we are told that, "Little people have big ears."

Sometimes these big ears hear things that are evil. Then ugly thoughts are planted in the mind like bad seed in a field, to bring forth a harvest of tares.

Men and women are only boys and girls grown tall. So if bad habits are formed when young, they will most likely linger in later years.

Well, the little boy of this story lived a long time ago in a village not far from the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was on earth in those days and the lad often heard older people talk about Him.

Everybody seemed excited over the wonderful miracles Jesus was performing and the words He was speaking!

Sick people were being healed. The blind were receiving their sight. The deaf were being made to hear. Lepers

were cleansed. Cripples were cured. Demons were cast out of insane and obsessed men, women and children. Bad people were being made good. Jesus also knew how to make waves behave and storms be quiet. And what was more important, He loved little children.

Where is there a boy in all the world who would not be interested in such a thrilling report?

But on this particular day, Jesus was very sad. One of His dearest friends had just been killed — murdered by a wicked king.

You recall the story about John the Baptist, that strange man who lived out in the open country and baptized people on the banks of a river!

He was a harbinger.

That means that he came ahead of Jesus and prepared the way. He told people about the dear Saviour so that they would be ready to receive Him.

John was very brave. And the king was very wicked. Herod was his name.

He took another man's wife and John scolded and condemned him for doing so. Later, after Herod had done so many terrible things, Jesus called him a "fox."

You see, Herod had John arrested. A man by the name of Josephus, who wrote a big book on history, says that the harbinger was kept bound in the cell of an old castle. The woman Herod stole also hated John. She had a daughter by the name of Salome who sang and danced.

Herod put on a banquet in his palace and probably came under the influence of liquor. Any way, he acted like a fool and told Salome, after one of her dances, that she could have anything desired — just so it was not more than "half the kingdom."

Salome's mother called her aside and said to ask for the head of John the Baptist.

The fiendish Herod complied with this gruesome request and had the holy man beheaded. It was an awful sight to see



Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world,  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in his sight,  
Jesus loves the little children  
Of the world.



soldiers carrying the head into the banquet hall on a charger.

This was what made Jesus feel so sad the day the little boy heard the older folks talking about Him.

Naturally He wanted to be alone. He loved His friends. He wept at the tomb of Lazarus and no doubt felt the same way about the death of John.

Calling the disciples aside, He departed for a place where boats were anchored at the edge of the Sea of Galilee. There they entered a ship to cross the lake, having heard about a quiet, restful spot on the other side.

Of course everybody knew Jesus. And when they saw Him getting into the boat, they ran around the head of the lake to meet Him on the opposite side. They knew where the boat would land.

Reaching there, Jesus walked up a mountain trail with about five thousand people behind Him. The little boy was in the crowd. Although he did not know about it in advance — yet he was going to help the Master perform a mighty miracle that very evening.

Finally the throng came to a grassy spot of green tableland. They all sat down when Jesus started to teach about the things of heaven. Time went so fast that the sun began to set before hardly anybody realized what was happening. Then all of a sudden, it seemed like everyone realized that he was hungry. The entire crowd had forgotten about food under the spell of the Master's words.

All eyes were fixed upon the Saviour and His disciples, who were talking earnestly among themselves. One was heard to say that the people should not be sent away hungry at such an hour of the day. Another asked what they should do because they were themselves, practically without food.

The little hero of this story was standing nearby where he could see and hear everything. His mother had prepared a hurried lunch for him consisting of five tiny loaves, as you would say "cup cakes," and two small fish.

Was he ever frightened when Andrew, one of the disciples, turned and walked straight toward him!

Let us not forget that the lad was very hungry, like all the other people present. Then, too, it was his very own lunch. He had brought it from home.

—Turn To Page 16.

## Do You Read Spanish?

The accompanying advertisement appeared in "El Mundo" — the largest newspaper in Puerto Rico, announcing the dedication of the new Defenders Theological Seminary building during the last Christmas season. Congratulatory telegrams from Senators Capper and Langer may be seen at the bottom.



Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

Presidente Defensores de la Fe Cristiana

*"Soy Puesto para la defensa del evangelio."*

*Filipenses 1:17*

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El gran servicio de dedicación del nuevo edificio del Seminario Teológico Defensores en Río Piedras, empezará a las 2:00 P. M. el próximo domingo día 29 de diciembre, 1946. El doctor Winrod dirá el discurso de la ocasión. Su hija Geraldine y otras personalidades también consumirán turnos en este programa. Se invita al público en general. Será ésta una ceremonia impresionante que recordarán, por mucho tiempo, todos los que asistan. De lejos y de cerca se están recibiendo mensajes de felicitación. Como ejemplo de los mensajes recibidos, publicamos a continuación los telegramas de los senadores americanos Langer y Capper.

DR. J. F. RODRIGUEZ  
Presidente del Seminario

#### TELEGRAMA DEL SENADOR LANGER

Washington, D. C.

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Dakota del Norte

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Arthur Capper  
Senador por Kansas

But what was Andrew saying? Would the little fellow give his food to Jesus? The Master needed it for a special purpose!

Those loaves and fishes were precious to the boy. His mouth watered for them. They meant more to him at that moment than great riches. But the tender boyish heart, beating so rapidly in his bosom, went out in love to the blessed Saviour. Happiness flooded his soul as he handed the package over to Andrew, who in turn quickly delivered it to Jesus.

He held the food, then lifted His face toward heaven for a long time. Everyone knew He was praying. The lad reasoned that surely his lunch was not large enough to be divided among so many disciples—never dreaming that it was to be used for feeding the entire multitude.

Then he recalled some of the stories the older folks had related. Jesus never thought of His own needs. He lived only for others. The food would be given to the people!

By this time the whole crowd was on its feet, staring eagerly at the group of disciples surrounding the Master.

Presently Andrew stepped away a few paces and beckoned the people to again be seated. This movement made it possible for the boy to get a clear view of what was transpiring. Thereupon Jesus turned and smiled in his direction.

He surely had a wonderful story to tell his mother upon returning home.

Let it be noted that the little fellow gave HIS BEST. And the Lord blessed and increased it!

That is what He expects of all of us—our best.

The boy's offering was small . . . but given to the Master, it became great.

Your talents may seem small . . . but given to the Master, they too will become great.

—Rev. J. M. Cottrell.

## MUCH IN A SMALL SPACE

A CHRISTIAN TRAVELER was packing his suitcase, about to proceed on a journey, when he remarked to a friend:

"There is still a little corner left open in which I wish to pack a guide-book, a lamp, a mirror, a telescope, a book of poems, a number of biographies, a bundle of old letters, a hymn book, a sharp sword, a small library containing sixty-six volumes; and all these articles must occupy a space about three by two inches."

"How are you going to manage that?" inquired his friend.

The reply was, "Very easily, for the Bible contains all these things."

## We Will Excuse You - Brother Inman

Dear Friends:

I would like very much to sponsor one of the Puerto Rican students in the Seminary you mention, but the Lord is not assigning me that task for the present.

A few years ago, I knelt and prayed with an old, wrinkled, Chippewa Indian squaw for her salvation. She meant business and recently said that she wanted her old shack of a house to be used for the Lord's glory. The place was not in a livable condition at all but had formerly been used by her son.

I recently spent a vacation up there in Northern Wisconsin. We cleaned out the lizards, bed bugs, wood ticks and what have you.

I helped put on a new roof, siding, windows, doors, and other things. Incidentally, I had to foot all the bills. The completion of this mission and helping the Indians along other lines of Gospel work, seems to be the main job for me for the balance of this year.

I am sorry that I cannot also take on one of your students now. Please excuse me.

Yours and His,  
Lee B. Inman

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